

CITY OF PEKING ARRIVES IN PORT AFTER ROUGH VOYAGE

Christmas Day is Celebrated in Great Style

Main Saloon Transformed Into a Botanical Garden With Rare Flowers and Flags of All Nations—Excel'ent Dinner, Christmas Tree and Music End Day's Celebration.

The Pacific Mail steamer City of Peking arrived off port shortly after dark last evening, and, after a thorough inspection by the quarantine doctor, was docked at the U. S. Quarantine wharf.

The Peking was nine hours late on her voyage owing to the bad weather with which she had to contend since she left the coast of Japan.

Although there were only seven cabin passengers on board the Peking, the celebration of Christmas lost none of its significance or enthusiasm. The steward of the vessel, J. H. D. Johnson, had made full preparations, and when the Peking came alongside the wharf last evening she presented a most attractive appearance.

Through the port holes of the dining room could be had a glimpse of the scene recalling one of the fairy tales of the thousand and one nights. The soft breeze of Honolulu had caused 400 silk flags to flutter gaily amid a magnificent bower of natural flowers and greenery. On the first landing of the stairs leading to the main saloon, a miniature Christmas tree had been erected, and over it hung a map of the route covered by the City of Peking, decorated with the American, Hawaiian, Japanese and Chinese flags. The main saloon almost defies description with the mass of flowers decorating the stairs, tables and partitions.

The "menu" of the Christmas dinner was as follows:

RELISHES.
Pate de Foie Gras in Jelly. Celery. Queen Olives. Radishes.

SOUP.
Mock Turtle.
Consomme aux Pates de Genese.

FISH.
Filet of Fish. Tartar Sauce. Potato Croquettes.

BOILED.
Smoked Tongue with Spinach.

ENTREES.
Leg of Mutton a l'Anglaise.

ROASTS.
Terrapin a la Maryland.

WOODCOCK a la Chasseur.
Tenderloin of Beef a la Trianon.

QUEEN FRITTERS.
Curried Quenelles.

ROASTS.
Prime Beef with Yorkshire Pudding.

ROAST TURKEY.
Cranberry Sauce.

SADDLE OF LAMB.
Mint Sauce.

HAM a la Westphalienne.

VEGETABLES.
Asparagus. Hollandaise Sauce.

String Beans.
Sugar Corn.

BOILED POTATOES.
Mashed Potatoes.

PUDDINGS AND PASTRY.
English Plum Pudding. Hard and Brandy Sauce.

Hot Mince Pie.
Assorted Cakes.

Ornamental Fruit Cake. Cream Puff. Pumpkin Pie. Lady Fingers.

DESSERT.
Pineapple Sherbet. Nuts & Raisins. Grapes. Oranges. Apples. Lychees. Comquats. American Cheese. Edam Cheese with Crackers. Cafe Noir.

A regular entertainment followed the dinner during which the large Christmas tree was lighted and the toast "To our wives; to our sweethearts; to our friends wherever they may be. May they enjoy a Merry Christmas," was proposed by Captain J. T. Smith.

The City of Peking has six passengers for the coast and one for Honolulu. She also has 1400 tons of freight for this port. She will take in 250 tons of coal.

Although nothing definite has been decided as to the hour of her departure, it is said that the Peking will leave Honolulu about 12 o'clock tonight.

To give an opportunity to the people of Honolulu, to see what can be done at sea, on a Christmas day, the steamer will be open to visitors today. The Peking carries the following complement of officers: Captain, J. Tremaine Smith; Chief Officer, R. D. Buckman; Chief Engineer, W. McCune; Purser, O. K. Freeman; Surgeon, Dr. Lutz; Freight Clerk, J. S. Gleheart; Steward, J. H. D. Johnson.

MAUNA LOA ARRIVES FROM KONA AND MAUI

STORMY WEATHER EXPERIENCED

Freight For Punaluu Had Narrow Escape From Being Brought Back—High Seas at Kau Stop Ship—ment of Very Much Sugar.

The Inter-island steamer Mauna Loa arrived from Kona and Maui ports early yesterday morning. Purser Simerson makes the following report of the voyage:

Fine weather along Hamakua coast. Little rain. Fine weather and smooth seas along Kau coast from the day we arrived (Sunday, Dec. 22) until two days after, when it became very rough. We were to bring back half of Punaluu freights and all the lumber, but on Wednesday afternoon the seas moderated a little giving us an opportunity to land everything, leaving Kau the following morning, Dec. 26, at 5:05 a. m.

Owing to the rough seas and rains at Kau, we were unable to take a good load of sugar. Smooth seas and soft northeast breeze along the channels coming home. No cattle.

The Mauna Loa brought the following cargo: 2,138 bags sugar; 198 sacks coffee; 222 sacks taro; 17 sacks awa; 137 bunches bananas; 26 kegs butter; 13 bbls. pig; and 229 packages of sundries.

German Steamers on Sunday.

During the discussion on Nov. 29th in the German Reichstag of the Seamen's Regulation bill, the clause drafted by the committee prohibiting transatlantic steamers, with the exception of mail boats, from starting on their outward journey on Sunday was expunged after a prolonged debate. During this discussion Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, Secretary of the Interior, argued that in the face of the great efforts now being made by foreign countries to secure the world's carrying trade, Germany must not go to this extreme for the sake of Sunday rest.

Brig Tanner Breaks Record.

The round trip of the brig Tanner, from Tacoma to Honolulu and return to the Sound with lumber, which was completed on Dec. 14th upon the vessel's arrival at Tacoma, is one of the fastest on record. Including time for unloading and discharging she completed the round trip in 40 days. The trip from this port to Cape Flattery occupied sixteen days and part of the time the little brig was facing adverse winds. Capt. Newhall is justly proud of his vessel's record.

Diamond Head Charlie Thankful.

"Diamond Head Charlie" Peterson has requested the Republican to transmit his sincere thanks to all the merchants in town who remembered him at Christmas with their token of gratitude for his faithful services. The Christmas holiday is over, but Charlie is still at the old stand, day and night, keeping a vigilant watch over the fliers of the sea and always ready to report arrivals to shipping firms or newspapers.

Collier Matewan Probably Lost.

It now appears certain that the steam-collier Matewan is lost with all hands—about thirty men. This is the first great disaster of the season on the Pacific Coast. To add to the

WATERFRONT DEBATERS MEET ONCE MORE

SOME DEEP SEA PHILOSOPHY.

Neptune and Davy Jones engage the Mermals, and discuss Hilo Steamers, Congress and Croker.—Monument to Robert Fulton.

The waterfront literary and debating society turned out in full force yesterday afternoon on the Pacific mail dock, while patiently awaiting the arrival of the City of Peking.

"What do you think of this talk of a fast line between Seattle and Maui ports?" asked the mermaid.

"Great chance for a line there," replied Neptune.

"I never thought so—"

"Sure. Fast on the rocks!"

"That's a tremendous raft, isn't it?" said the mermaid.

"Where? I see no raft," replied Neptune.

"That raft of bills—in Congress," replied the nymph, as she slid off the wharf into the deep water.

"I see that Richard Croker says he is tired," observed Neptune. "Yes," asserted Davy Jones, "and I wonder why in the name of suffering lizards he doesn't stop talking and take a rest."

Davy Jones was greatly interested in the report received by the Peru that a monument had been erected in New York to the memory of Robert Fulton.

"I see," said he, "that Admiral Melville, C. H. Haswell and Walter B. Pollock, manager of the marine department of the New York Central Railroad, were among the distinguished persons present. An ancient and honorable trio truly. Why, Charlie Haswell is the only man alive who saw the Fulton, the first steamboat built by Robert Fulton, and, naturally the first steamboat to grace my museum of natural curiosities."

"And there is Walter Pollock. Now there is a wonder. A lot of misinformation is floating around about him, probably because he floats around so lively himself. Pollock is one of the original Pollock family that came over in the ship Mary Pollock, that was wrecked on what was afterward named Pollock Rip. They say—and Davy lowered his voice so as not to be overheard—"they say the mermaids lured the vessel on the reef in order to get possession of Walter. He that as it may. It took a detail of the waterfront police to rescue him from the fair nymphs. He is the silken tie, so to speak, that binds the present to the past."

To Exterminate Rats.

Port authorities at Marseilles have experimented with carbolic acid in lieu of sulphuric acid in exterminating rats in ships. The results have been very effective and the carbolic acid has not damaged the cargoes. They hope it may be the means of prevention of plague infections which have hitherto been brought by rats.

ORE LOADED BARGE DISAPPEARS IN STORM

IN PATH OF SOUND VESSELS

Laden With Two Hundred and Fifty Tons of Glenora Iron Ore, is Lost by Tug and is Danger to Navigation—Masters are Warned.

Not a little anxiety has been aroused among shippers at this port by the news brought by the Peru of the strange disappearance of a barge laden with 250 tons of Glenora iron ore, which was lost from the tug Bermuda during a big storm off Cape Flattery over two weeks ago.

Any of the coasting vessels striking such a mass of weight solidly would stand a good chance of going to the bottom, and there would also be no inconsiderable sum in the way of salvage to the lucky vessel picking up the lost barge.

The barge was in tow of the tug Bermuda and was bound to the Tacoma smelter. The storm turned into a hurricane and under the terrible straining the towing hawser was broken. It was impossible to see in the darkness and the tug stood off during the night hoping to secure the barge by daylight, but when morning came the barge was nowhere to be seen.

The Bermuda spent three days in a fruitless search, calling at every bay and inlet where it would have been possible for the barge to have gone ashore, but up to the sailing of the Peru nothing had been heard of the barge.

The tug is supposed to have lost her tow in the vicinity of Point Wilson and it is thought that the lost barge has been blown northward by the gale, which raged in that direction. In that case she would have been carried across the straits and directly in the path of incoming and outgoing Sound vessels.

Telegrams have been sent to all coasting steamer agencies to warn the vessels to be on the lookout for the missing craft. The disappearance of the barge is a puzzle. Had it capsized, the ore, of course would sink, but the scow would remain afloat in almost any condition.

SHIPPING NEWS AND NOTES.

The barkentine Amelia sailed from Eureka Dec. 17 for Honolulu.

A barkentine was sighted off Barber's Point yesterday afternoon.

Captain Cutler, of the Kikikat, reports that his cabin was twice flooded while off Molokai.

The tug Fearless returned from Kananapa at 12:30 yesterday afternoon. She had towed there the bark Olympia.

The bark Himalaya left Newcastle Nov. 9 for Lahaina. The five-masted schooner Hoca sailed from the same port for Honolulu Nov. 25.

The American ship Edward Sewall from New York for Shanghai, which was quoted at 15 per cent reinsurance arrived at her destination November 28th, 185 days out.

The Army transport Sheridan, at San Francisco on the 7th, broke the record for twin-screw vessels from Nagasaki, Japan. Her passage occupied 17 days, 6 hours.

W. F. Morgan, who has been first officer on the Occidental and Oriental steamer Coptic for five years, will not go on this trip. He has been assigned to the Gaelic to be the chief officer and will await her arrival at San Francisco. R. Tobez, at present second officer of the Coptic, will be promoted to first officer.

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COAST AND FOREIGN VESSELS IN PORT.				
Arrived	Vessel	Captain	Wharf	Destination
Nov. 17	Archer, bkt.	Calhoun	Railway	San Francisco
23	Kailua, bkt.	Dabel	Railway	San Francisco
Dec. 1	Reece, ship	Waltmore	Potter	Pt. Townsend
11	Coronado, bkt.	Potter	Railway	Puget Sound
19	Muriel, sch.	Wikander	Emmes	Puget Sound
20	Jas. Johnson, bkt.	Bemecke	Naval No. 2	San Francisco
20	Gerard C. Tobey, bkt.	Gove	Irmgard	San Francisco
20	W. H. Dimond, bkt.	Hansen	Irmgard	San Francisco
20	S. G. Wilder, bkt.	Jackson	Wilders	San Francisco
21	Albert, bkt.	Griffiths	Brewers	San Francisco
21	Novelty, sch.	Rosenthal	Pacific Mail	Puget Sound
21	S. D. Carleton, ship	Amesbury	Railroad	Tacoma
23	Am. sc. Bendixon	Petersen	Allen	Pt. Blakeley
23	S. M. Plumber, sch.	Lund	Outside	Kauai
23	Irmgard, bkt.	Schmidt	Irmgard	San Francisco
23	Ceylon, bkt.	Willer	Old Fishmkt	Hilo
23	Lord Shaftsbury, sh.	Hendrickson	Portland	Portland
23	George Curtis, ship	Calhoun	Brewers	San Francisco
26	Honolulu, sch.	Olsen	Allen	Puget Sound
26	Kikikat, bkt.	Cutler	Wilders	Puget Sound
U. S. Tug Froquois, Rodman, Navy No. 1, Stationary.				

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The schooner Waiialua which went ashore at Kananapa last Wednesday was pulled off by the tug Leslie Baldwin without much trouble. Captain Johnson has resigned from her command and has been succeeded by Captain Gardner, formerly of the steamer Uloa.

The revenue cutter steamer Manning, now at Seattle, was ordered on December 15th to proceed to the relief of a drifting schooner said to be 70 miles north of the Columbia river and 70 miles from shore. It is supposed that there are several persons on the distressed vessel.

There will be a change on the sailings of vessels of the Inter-island routes next week. The Mauna Loa will go on the marine railway and the W. G. Hall will take her run to Maui and Hawaii ports. The Mikahala will leave on the Hall's Kauai run next week, while the Iwalani takes the Mikahala's run to Kauai ports.

The American ship William H. Smith, twenty-seven days out from Tacoma for San Francisco, has reached the California metropolis, and Capt. Colley reports three weeks of furious southeast and southerly gales. On December 3 the ship's cargo shifted, the bulwarks were stove in, the companion houses smashed and the cabins flooded.

F. Lindstrom, a quartermaster on the steamer Coptic, has been presented with a gold watch and chain in appreciation of his gallantry in saving lives when the Rio de Janeiro was lost. The presentation was made by Wellesley Moore, British vice-consul at San Francisco. The donors were the Liverpool Seamen's Orphanage and the training ship Indefatigable of Liverpool. Lindstrom had charge of the life rafts on the Rio.

Arrivals at Honolulu.

Friday, December 27.
Strmr. Mauna Loa, Simerson, from Lahaina, Maalaea, Kona and Kau, at 9 a. m.
S. S. City of Peking, Smith, from the Orient, at 6 p. m.

Departures from Honolulu.

Friday, December 27.
Strmr. Nihau, W. Thompson, for Lahaina, Kananapa and Punaluu, at 5 p. m.

Vessels Due Today.

Strmr. W. G. Hall, Thompson, from Nawiliwili, due.
Strmr. Claudine, Parker, from Maui ports, due.
Strmr. Lehua, Napala, from Molokai ports, due.

Vessels Sailing Today.

S. S. City of Peking, Smith, for San Francisco, may sail in the forenoon.

Passengers Arrived.

From Hawaii and Maui ports, per steamer Mauna Loa, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Chas. Pedersen and child, J. B. Agassiz, Miss M. Payne, Miss M. Searle, W. L. Emory, Miss L. Poaha, Rev. E. M. Thwing, Mrs. E. W. Thwing and child, Miss F. J. Scott, Carra Don Rigo, Antonio Rigo, Miss G. N. Kimble, Miss Huntington, J. L. Coke, M. Dorago, John Richardson, Chock Kau, Akiona and 54 on deck.

From the Orient, per S. S. City of Peking, Dec. 27.—A. R. Pattison, Mrs. A. R. Pattison, Master C. R. Pattison, N. Johnson, N. Lineberger, N. M. Dempsey.

TO ARRIVE.

At Honolulu from San Francisco or Victoria.
Sonoma, January 1
Coptic, January 4
America Maru, January 11
Alameda, January 11
Aorangi, January 18
Peking, January 18
Ventura, January 22
Gaelic, January 22
Hongkong Maru, February 1
Sierra, February 12

WEATHER REPORT.

Mean Temperature—72.
Minimum Temperature—67.
Maximum Temperature—77.
Barometer—29.96; falling.
Rainfall—0.10.
Mean Dew Point—63.5.
Mean Relative Humidity—87.

Wind.

South-west, 1.

Weather.

Weather cloudy and dark with some scattering showers; clearer in evening.

Forecast for Today.

Light westerly winds. Variable weather.

AT DIAMOND HEAD.

Diamond Head, 10 p. m.—Weather clear. Wind light, north.

SUN, MOON, AND SEA

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